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The Honourable Christopher Bentley
Minister, Training, Colleges and Universities
3rd floor, 900 Bay Street
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Dear Minister:

**Re: Application from the University of New Brunswick to offer a Bachelor of
Science (Nursing) Degree Completion Program:
Recommendation to Grant Consent**

Pursuant to section 5 (1) of the *Post-secondary Choice and Excellence Act, 2000*, the University of New Brunswick applied in September 2004, for consent to offer a Bachelor of Science (Nursing) degree completion program at the campus of Humber College Institute of Technology & Advanced Learning. In accordance with section 5.2 of the *Act*, the application was referred on October 22, 2004, to the Board for its review and recommendation. The Board reviewed the application in accordance with the relevant standards in its *Handbook for Public Organizations, April 2004*. The submission, the report of the quality assessment panel, and the applicant's response were as considered by the Board at its meeting of October 25, 2005.

Based on:

- The applicant's submission,
- the findings of the Quality Assessment Panel appointed by the Board to assess this program against the Board's standards and benchmarks for a baccalaureate program in a professional field of study,
- the applicant's response to the panel's report,
- any additional materials provided by the applicant to the Board,
- any commitments made by the applicant during the review process,
- the program's nature as a degree-completion course of study in the same discipline for practising registered nurses in Ontario, and
- the Board's assessment of the information,

The Postsecondary Education Quality Assessment Board found that the proposed program met the Board's standards, and, therefore, the Board recommends that you **grant consent** to the application from the University of New Brunswick to offer a Bachelor of Science (Nursing) degree completion program, to be abbreviated B.Sc.N, at the Humber College Blvd. campus of Humber College.

The Board also recommends that:

- the consent holder be required to begin providing the program within 24 months from the date of the commencement of the consent;
- the consent holder advise the Minister in writing of the date of the commencement of the program not later than six months prior to its actual commencement; and
- the ending of the consent period be five years from the date of the program commencement.

Yours truly,



Dale Patterson,
Chair

cc Postsecondary Education Quality Assessment Board
William Forward, Acting Deputy Minister, MTCU
Janet Mason, Assistant Deputy Minister, Postsecondary Division, MTCU
Martin Hicks, Director, Universities Branch, MTCU